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HAVING GROOVE PORTIONS OBLIQUELY ARRANGED AND INTERSECTING ONE  
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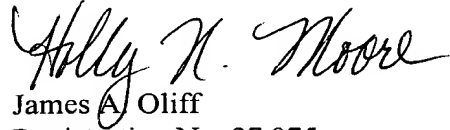
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4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 8.

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